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In the dreary, weary waste of this volume we find absolutely nothing else worth copying or epitomizing.

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18. — *The Gentle Skeptic ; or, Essays and Conversations of a Country Justice on the Authenticity and Truthfulness of the Old Testament Records.* Edited by the Rev. C. WALWORTH. New York : D. Appleton & Co. 1863. 12mo. pp. 368.

It is a little singular that the most rational and liberal of all the books that have been called forth by Bishop Colenso's work should have been written by a Roman Catholic. Yet so it is. In this volume Father Walworth admits the very imperfections ascribed to the sacred record by the Bishop, and grants their conclusiveness against the hypothesis of its verbal inspiration ; but shows that they are entirely compatible with its alleged character as an authentic record of divine revelation, and that they are unquestionable tokens of its venerable antiquity, and therefore confirmations of its genuineness. The book is charmingly written, and the trellis of story and dialogue on which the arguments are hung, though very slight, is so graceful that we should be sorry to part with it.

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19. — *The New Testament, with brief Explanatory Notes and Scholia.* By HOWARD CROSBY, D. D., Professor of the Greek Language and Literature in Rutgers College, and formerly Professor in the University of the City of New York. New York : Charles Scribner. 1863. 12mo. pp. 543.

DR. CROSBY'S object in this book is, in his own words, " simply to remove the surface difficulties of the text, those which the peculiarities of language (Greek or English) in grammar or rhetoric present, and those which require an archæological explanation." This is done by very sparse and very brief annotations, — scholarly, perspicuous, appropriate always, yet probably not adding one sixth part to the space covered by the text of the common version, under which they are arranged as foot-notes. The work is neither designed nor adapted for the *student* of the New Testament ; but its true office will be to supersede the Scriptures " without note or comment " in the hands of him who lacks either time or inclination to make use of a Commentary, but who can hardly help casting his eye to the bottom of the page for an explanatory word or phrase. For such readers we most cordially commend this edition of the New Testament.